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CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

1914. Adam, M., c/o Mrs. Potter, Ridgewood, Almondsbury, Bristol (post).

1912. Aldridge, G., c/o Mrs. Fletcher, Hengrove, Tring, Herts (post).

1898. Allen, E. C., The Cottage, Aldford, Cheshire; c/o Col. H. O. Wade, Oak Bank, Bradford, Yorks.

1916. Bryson, J., c/o Mrs. Marshall, Dunduff, Dunfermline (post).

1907. Cooper, Mrs. G. (née O. Thorp), Foxleigh, Wem, Salop.

1909. Fellowes, D., c/o Mrs. Yorke, Southwick Crescent, London (post).

1908. Haggie, G. M., Ladies' International Club, 74, Princes' Square, Bayswater (war work).

1899. Hall, Mrs. (née E. Spearman), 37, Stretton Road, Croydon.

1910. Humfrey, D., c/o Mrs. Sellars, Wentworth, Hoylake (post).

1907. Macfarlane, J., c/o Mrs. Brodie, Brodie Castle, Brodie, Forres (post).

1912. Mackie, D., c/o Mrs. McNair, Corner Cottage, Mayfield, Woking (post).

1914. McLeod, H. N., c/o Mdlle. Rossignon, North Cray Place, Sidcup, Kent (post).

1911. Patterson, G., c/o Mrs. Swinton, 11, Bricklears Road (?), Weymouth (post).

1901. Russell, H. G., Bishopston Lodge, Ripon (home).

1909. Ruston, M., c/o Lady Bucknill, St. Michael's, Eynsham, Oxon (post).

1904. Saunders, V. R., c/o Mrs. Young, Stilyans, Horeham Road, Sussex (post).

1911. Wilkinson, P. D., Windlesham School, Brighton (post).

BIRTH.

PYPER.—On January 4th, at Bekesbourne Vicarage, near Canterbury, Elizabeth, wife of Richard Bevan Pyper, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

CAMPBELL—DEVONSHIRE.—On January 9th, 1917, at All Saints' Church, Cairo, by the Right Rev. the Bishop in Jerusalem, assisted by the Rev. C. T. Horan, Chaplain of All Saints', and the Rev. W. A. Taylor, C.F., Evan Roland, fourth son of W. Middleton Campbell, of Colgrain, Dumbartonshire, and Fen Place, Sussex, to Antoinette Priscilla Vulliamy, younger daughter of Mr. Robert L. Devonshire, J.P., of Heston, Middlesex, and Maadi, near Cairo.

NOTICES.

It has come to the Editor's notice that some students have forgotten that L'UMILE PIANTA is printed for private circulation *only*. It is a "means of communication" among Ambleside students and one or two close friends of the Association, and is not to be lent to outsiders, nor shown to pupils or "postesses." This has always been the rule, and unless it is kept by all of us our "freedom of speech" in the magazine will necessarily be lost. If, however, students wish this rule to be changed they should let the Committee know.

It will be with mixed feelings that students will hear that the Conference has been definitely postponed. There is no doubt that comparatively few students could have made the long journey, and so the decision will probably be generally considered wise. But it is to be regretted that the present students will miss their great opportunity of realizing that when they leave Scale How they join a large united band of women, all, or nearly all, working with the same ideals as those in which they have been trained, and ready to welcome them warmly and wholeheartedly to their new life. We can only hope that they will take our fellowship on trust, and not be disappointed.

The Association also wishes to thank Miss Mason very much indeed for her kind letters, and for her enticing plans for the Conference, which would have so much added to our comfort and pleasure had we been able to hold it. Miss

Parish would be very grateful to any students who would send any old kid gloves to her, as she is collecting them for munition makers, to whom they are of great use. Every pair is useful. Please send them to her at 17, St. George's Square, S.W.

Students' Meetings will be held at 27, Craven Road, W., by the kindness of Miss Evans and Miss Faunce, on *March 31st* and *June 2nd,* at 3.30. Students who intend going are requested to send Miss Evans a postcard the day before.

The next number of L'UMILE PIANTA will appear on May 15th. All communications should be written on one side of the paper only, and must reach the Editor by April 20th.

REPORT OF THE S.E.C. MEETING

HELD AT 8, CHENIES STREET CHAMBERS.

FEBRUARY 14TH, 1917.

Members present: Mrs. Esslemont (in the chair), Mrs. Bellerby, Misses Bernau, Young, Claxton, and Gray. The main business of the meeting was, of course, the Conference, and after thoroughly discussing all the pros and cons, we decided to abandon the idea of meeting at Ambleside this spring. Conditions of travelling and of living have altered very much since the question was raised in the autumn, and these conditions are bound to change for the worse before they improve, and perhaps in two months' time we shall be forbidden to travel at all. Of course, we regret this decision for many reasons, but feel that we acted for the best under the circumstances, and we hope that students generally will agree with us.

We hope, however, to arrange for a one-day conference, to take place when the days are longer, with a morning session on the work of the P.U.S. in elementary schools,

and an afternoon session on how we are dealing with our children and the war. This will be followed by a social tea. It is too early yet to fix all details, but they will be published in the May magazine.

We also decided that the election of a new committee should take place as it would have done had there been a Conference, and the voting papers will be enclosed in the March magazine. Will students fill in the papers carefully, according to the instructions, and post them to the Senior Monitress at Scale How before March 31st. The result will be made known in the next number of the PLANT.

This finished the business of the meeting, and we rested from our labours and did full justice to the tempting tea provided by Miss Bernau.

May I add just a few words in reference to the balance-sheet for 1916? Students will see that the balance is considerably bigger than it was twelve months ago. This is partly accounted for by the fact that nothing was paid out for badges, etc. But this year we shall have much bigger expenses to meet in the way of printing. The Garden City Press have been obliged to raise their estimate for the normal magazine of 32 pages from £4 13s. to £6 10s., and the account for the January number alone is £8 17s. 3d. So it will be seen that we shall probably need all our income this year to cover expenses, and it is as well that we have more than usual behind us. I have already received many subscriptions for the current year, but there are still many more to come: so may I ask students to send them as soon as possible, before the matter once again slips from their minds?

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